

languish in the Democrat-controlled Senate. Why? Because there are some, even in his own party, who know that more government spending and job-killing tax hikes are not going to get our economy moving again.

But the Senate majority leader has come to the rescue with another new class warfare proposal. That's right; he wants a permanent tax increase on small businesses and job creators to pay for a temporary stimulus program. Oh, goody. Long-term, job-destroying tax increases to finance another short-term government spending program.

How about we focus on creating an environment that encourages job creation by eliminating harmful government regulations that stifle hiring and by fixing our broken Tax Code without raising taxes?

#### URGING CUTS IN NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAMS

(Mr. MARKEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MARKEY. The "Occupy Wall Street" protests have spread from New York to cities across America. As the protests expand, people are asking, Why? Why are thousands of Americans in the streets? Because Americans are fed up.

Ninety-nine percent of the people are 100 percent fed up. They are fed up with a system that puts profit over people, that rewards the rich at the expense of everyone else. Let me give you an example:

The government plans to spend \$700 billion on new nuclear weapons systems over the next 10 years, even as it's proposing to cut research for Alzheimer's, for cancer research, for a diabetes cure, to take care of Medicare and Medicaid patients across our country.

The American people are not afraid that their family is going to get killed by a new nuclear weapon. They're afraid that the killing that comes into their life comes from the terrorist that is the phone call from a doctor in the middle of the night that another member of their family has cancer, has diabetes, has Alzheimer's, has Parkinson's.

That's the priority that we have to establish for our country. That's why 65 of my colleagues are going to introduce this effort to cut \$200 billion out of the nuclear weapons program over the next 10 years.

#### HOUSE REPUBLICANS CONTINUE TO LEAD THE WAY ON CREATING JOBS

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, last week, House Education and Workforce Committee Chairman JOHN KLINE of Minnesota in-

troduced the Workforce Democracy and Fairness Act. This act is a direct response to the National Labor Relations Board's recent reckless action to rush union elections. The NLRB is again showing favoritism toward union bosses at the expense of rights of workers and employers.

As an original cosponsor of this legislation, I am grateful to stand up against the powerful unions and their leaders. This legislation ensures employers, small businesses, are able to participate in a fair union election process. It helps workers make an informed choice. Best of all, it safeguards the privacy of workers.

In Right-to-Work States, such as South Carolina, workers are protected, new well-paying jobs are created, and votes of all citizens are respected. This legislation prevents NLRB from limiting such freedoms in the workplace.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

#### HONORING THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI'S HIGH RANKING

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the University of Miami for being named as the country's 38th best university in U.S. News and World Report's recent rankings. The University of Miami is the highest ranked school in the great State of Florida, and it has moved up nine spots since last year and 29 over the last decade, making it one of the fastest rising institutions. The university's ascent in the rankings is attributed to a marked improvement in key areas such as graduation rates, freshmen retention rates, and average SAT scores of entering freshmen.

I earned a doctorate in education from the University of Miami, so I take special pride in this high ranking. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the university; its president, Donna Shalala; and the incredible faculty, staff, and student body. This is an honor for the "U" and for the entire State of Florida.

Go Canes.

#### AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER TO DECLARE A RECESS ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2011, FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING IN JOINT MEETING HIS EXCELLENCE LEE MYUNG-BAK, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it may be in order at any time on Thursday, October 13, 2011, for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of receiving in joint meeting His Excellency Lee Myung-bak, President of the Republic of Korea.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later.

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#### VETERANS OPPORTUNITY TO WORK ACT OF 2011

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2433) to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws relating to the employment and training of veterans, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 2433

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Veterans Opportunity to Work Act of 2011".

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

#### TITLE I—RETRAINING VETERANS

Sec. 101. Veterans retraining assistance program.

#### TITLE II—IMPROVING THE TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Sec. 201. Transition Assistance Program contracting.

Sec. 202. Mandatory participation in Transition Assistance Program.

Sec. 203. Report on Transition Assistance Program.

Sec. 204. Transition Assistance Program outcomes.

Sec. 205. Comptroller General review.

#### TITLE III—IMPROVING THE TRANSITION OF VETERANS TO CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT

Sec. 301. Reauthorization and improvement of demonstration project on credentialing and licensure of veterans.

Sec. 302. Inclusion of performance measures in annual report on veteran job counseling, training, and placement programs of the Department of Labor.

Sec. 303. Clarification of priority of service for veterans in Department of Labor job training programs.

Sec. 304. Evaluation of individuals receiving training at the National Veterans' Employment and Training Services Institute.

Sec. 305. Requirements for full-time disabled veterans' outreach program specialists and local veterans' employment representatives.